



Indiana Department of Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and Principals

FROM: Sarah Fronczek, Indiana Teacher of the Year Program Coordinator

DATE: February 26, 2010

SUBJECT: 2011 Teacher of the Year Application

The application for the 2011 Indiana Teacher of the Year **is now posted** at <http://www.doe.in.gov/toy/>. All licensed teachers in state accredited public and non-public schools are eligible. Many districts annually select a candidate, but we hope this year many more will decide to participate in the Teacher of the Year program as an opportunity to recognize excellent teachers. Consider how this program can celebrate not only one selected teacher in your district, but also many others who deserve to be honored for their skill and commitment to education.

In addition to the ongoing role of the Indiana Department of Education in alignment with the Council of Chief State School Officers National Teacher of the Year program, we are pleased to have two new sponsors:

- **The Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL)** was established in 2001 at the University of Indianapolis and serves as a leading convener, catalyst and collaborator for dynamic, innovative education change to dramatically impact student achievement throughout Indiana. Their support of the Indiana Teacher of the Year program is evidence of their commitment to high quality in the teaching profession as essential to the success of Indiana schools and students.
- **CSO Architects** has been committed to K-12 education in Indiana since their inception in 1961. This is evidenced by the numerous schools for which they have designed the original structures, additions, or renovations and by their dedication to providing the best possible environments for learning.

The online application packet includes complete guidelines for selection of a local candidate. Portfolios are to be mailed or delivered on or before **July 31, 2010** to:

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